

Subject: (2) Chinese dollars

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Boston, MA]

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BOSTON. MASS.

February 9, 1934

H. Wood, Esq., Curator
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th St.
New York City

Dear Mr. Wood,

This will introduce Mr. J.I.Tan, who was my assistant in the
Treasurer's office at Yale in China for a number of years, and is now
studying at the Yale Graduate School.

Mr. Tan has a collection of Chinese silver coins, and I think you may
be interested in seeing his book of rubbings of them. I shall also appre-
ciate it if you are able to show him something of the Museum's Chinese
collection, as you showed me.

Yours very truly,

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Dear Mr. Wood:-

I want to thank you very much for your kindness in showing me something of your Chinese collections yesterday. They were very interesting, even to such an amateur as myself.

As I said, I am taking the liberty of giving a letter of introduction to you to my former assistant, Mr. J.I.Tan, now studying at the Yale Graduate School, and suggesting to him that if he is in New York this spring he will find it very interesting to visit the museum. He has a collection of Chinese silver coins, and will probably show you his book of rubbings.

I am enclosing one each of the two designs of Chinese silver dollars, with my compliments, for the Museum collection.

The collector of ancient Chinese coins whom I mentioned is Mr. L.C.Arlington, care Chinese Postal Service, Shanghai. That is, I have not heard of his dying or retiring, so assume the above address would reach him. Probably his collection is much less complete than yours, but I thought you might like to know of it.

Yours very truly,

Dickson H. Leavens

February 13, 1934.

Mr. Dickson H. Leavens
Soldiers Field Station
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Leavens:

I beg to thank you for the two Chinese dollars you sent on for the museum collection and I trust when you are in New York again you will pay us a visit as I know we have many things we could show you. I trust to see Mr. Tan. I will take a chance and write Mr. Arlington as we have rather gotten out of touch with collectors in China.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

• Curator